

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 10, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:01p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Monroe Gray, Jr., Chairman
Vernon Brown
Bob Cockrum
Dane Mahern
William Oliver

Absent Members

Susie Day
Ron Gibson
Earl Salisbury

PROPOSAL NO. 71, 2005 - approves an increase of \$46,500 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Park General Fund) to fund reforestation, remove an invasive shrub species and to re-seed with native grasses at Eagle Creek Park, financed by a grant from IPALCO and revenues from a management agreement with TE Products Pipeline Company (TEPPCO)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

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"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

Performance Measures Update – Joe Wynns

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Chairman Monroe Gray, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Bob Cockrum, Dane Mahern, and William Oliver. Susie Day, Ron Gibson, and Earl Salisbury were absent. Representing Council staff was Bart Brown, Chief Financial Officer.

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Jason Kissel, Administrator, Natural Resources and Environmental Education, explained that TEPPCO is a pipeline company that has provided \$40,000 as part of an agreement to allow DPR to utilize a permanent right-of-way utility easement on Eagle Creek Golf Course and park property. Additionally, TEPPCO has provided \$69,058 for future parkland acquisition which will be appropriated at a later date.

Mr. Kissel added that the IPALCO Golden Eagle program, which supports land stewardship projects in Indiana, has provided \$6,500 for the removal of invasive shrub species and the reseedling of native grasses for 15 acres of wooded area at the north entrance of Eagle Creek Park. Also, eight acres of turf grass will be planted with prairie grasses and wildflowers native to Indiana.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Cockrum, to send Proposal No. 71, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Jennifer Voreis, Administrator, Recreation and Leisure Services/Sports and Special Revenues, explained that DPR received a \$5,000 grant for winning the 2004 Sports Illustrated/National Recreation and Park Association "Sports City USA" competition. This competition recognized fifty cities throughout the United States for their commitment to excellence in providing community and professional sports. Indianapolis won for the state of Indiana.

Ms. Voreis explained that this grant will pay for training youth sports coaches. Local successful coaches will lead these training sessions, which will focus on teaching adults, who lead the youth sports programs, the skills they need to provide positive and well-managed youth sports teams. The coaches will be instructed in basic team management, including supervising enthusiastic parents, fostering teamwork, and running productive practice sessions.

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Councillor Brown asked who conducts the training. Ms. Voreis answered that DPR seeks area coaches, such as Gene Robertson (retired IPS athletic director), who help DPR find people who can coach at a "youth volunteer level", not a "varsity" level.

Councillor Mahern moved, seconded by Councillor Cockrum, to send Proposal No. 72, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Performance Measures Update

Joe Wynns, Director, DPR, explained that Exhibit A (which is attached) was distributed in response to a previous request from Councillor Oliver. He suggested if any of the committee members had any comments or questions they should contact Colleen Broderick at 327-7430.

Mr. Wynns reiterated that DPR is constantly looking at different and creative ways to maintain its national accreditation so they continue to review services such as mowing, janitorial, tree care, and maintenance.

Chair Gray asked if there are any large projects pending. Mr. Wynns answered that the only one is the Earth Science Center at Eagle Creek. Councillor Mahern asked about the progress of the Garfield Park facility. Mr. Wynns responded that it is approximately 70% completed.

Councillor Oliver asked about women and minority participation. Mr. Wynns answered that DPR is improving and continues to make significant strides. He said he would provide this information to Councillor Oliver shortly.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monroe Gray, Jr.
Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee

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